

1575
Scotland - James VI. King

The act and Proclamatioun anent the vniuersall course of the new markit money.

WORSAMEKLE As sen the lait downerping of the monay callit the Hardheidis and new Plakkis, sundrie Impedimentis hes fallin out, to the hinderance of the full execution of the Act and ordinance maid thereanent, Be the REGENTIS GRACE, Nobilitie, Counsell, and Estatis assemblit at the lait conuention, Partlie throu the slaw Inbzinging of pe said money to be sicheit, That the lauchful being decernit fro pe fals, it micht be markit according to the said ordinance, Partlie becaus sic as Inbrocht their money to the Cuinzehouis and not their dispathe sa suddane as their necessitie requirit, Bot principallie be resson sundrie of our Souerane Lordis liegis hes refusit and maid Impediment to ressaue the said markit and stampit money in payment of their dettis or for their gudis, wairis and victuallis sauld. And therethrow the haueris of the same money in their handis hes bene gretumlie prejudgeit and hinderit. For remeid of quhillis Inconuenientis in time cuming, THE REGENTIS GRACE, with auise of the Lordis of secret counsell hes ordanit and ordanis, That all personis bzingand the saidis new Plakkis and Hardheidis to the Cuinzehouis, and deliuerand the same to Johne Archeloun Maister Cuinzeour, and Johne Carmichaell Wardane: Sall se pe same sortit and deuidit the lauchfull fra the fals and counterfeit. And it pat beis found fals and counterfeit clippit downe in their awin presence. And for samelike thereof as salbe found sufficient, they sall then Instantlie ressaue fra the saidis Maister Cuinzeour and Wardane the auale of the same in reddon presentit and stampit money, allowand and rebaittand ix. pennies of euerie xx. schillingis to the workmen for their labouris. And in respect of the said refuse and Impediment to ressaue the said money lauchfullit markit, Ordanis letteris to be direct to officiaris of Armes, Schireffis in that part, Chargeing them to pas to the mercat Croces of the heid Burrowis of this Realme, and vtheris Cieteis, Burrowis and mercat townis, as alwa to all publick mercattis, Fairis, and vtheris places neidfull, and there be oppin Proclamatioun in our Souerane Lordis Name and Authoritie command and charge all and sundrie his hienes liegis of quhat estate, degre or conditioun pat ever they be of, That nane of them tak vpon hand to refuse in paym. the saidis Hardheidis and new Plakkis markit and stampit according to the Act & ordinance maid theranent or the auale and price specifit in the same, or to mak ony conditioun anent the refusall or exceptioun of the said money in payment, vnder the paine of escheiring and confiscatioun of all their gudis mouabill to our Souerane Lordis vse, and Imprisoning of their personis during the will of our Souerane Lord and Regent. Certifying them pat dois in the contrare, That they salbe committit to Ward, and the sch. ritis vptakin for their contemptioun. And to the effect pat nane of the refuseris of the said stampit and markit money, or makeris of exceptioun thereof in their blokkis and conditiounis sal eschape this punishment, Ordanis pe Justice Clerk and his deputis to direct letteris for calling of the personis suspectit and delatit of the contrauentioun heirof, to vnderly the Law therefore at particular diettis, or be dittay to accuse thame in general Justice Airis, quhairthrou the said pane of confiscatioun of their gudis may be execute aganis the contemptneris with all extremitie in cais of their conuictioun, being fugitiue fra the Law, cuming in will, or passing to pe horne for the crime and contempt abone writtin. And becaus pe refusing of pe said money may do greit harme and hinderance in mercattis gif sum present punishment be not execute aganis the contemptneris foirsaidis, Ordanis therefore and commandis the Schireffis Stewartis, Bailles, Lordis of Regaliteis, their Bailles and their deputis, Provestis, Aldermen, and Bailis of Burrowis, Cieteis and mercat townis, to seirche and seik the personis refuseris to ressaue the saidis Plakkis and Hardheidis markit and stampit as said is, or makeris of exceptioun or conditioun to ressaue the same, and then being apprehendit, and the said refusall or exceptioun confessit or Instantlie prouin be twa or thre honest witnessis, To tak & commit the person sa contempning and offending in Ward, on his or hir awin expensis, quhill the further knowlege of our Souerane Lord, and his Regentis will in that behalf. And in pe meane time to gif aduertisement of the Names of the personis offending, to the Chesauner or his Clerk, to the effect that they may cause letteris to be direct for calling of the offendouris to vnderly the Law, according to the effect and tenour of this present Act and ordinance in all behalfis.

JAMES REGENT.

At Halyruidhous the last day of May. M. D. LXXV.

Imprentit at Edinburgh be me Iohne Ros.

CVM PRIVILEGIO REGALI.